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TESTIMONY SUMMARY OF AES NEWENERGY, INC. AND STRATEGIC **ENERGY, LLC**

AES New Energy, Inc. ("AES NE") and Strategic Energy, LLC ("Strategic") offer the following summary of the testimony of William Monsen in the above-captioned proceeding:

The Commission should reject TEP's proposal to deny customer choice to all of Arizona's residential customers and to C&I customers with load requirements less than 3 MW. If the Commission were to approve such an anti-competitive proposal, the end result for retail competition in Arizona would be the same as if the Commission acted to repeal the Retail Electric Competition Rules adopted in September 1999 -- it would be the death knell to retail competition in Arizona. TEP's anti-competitive proposal, if adopted by the Commission, would deny all but a

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handful of TEP's largest customers (>3 MW) the opportunity to choose a competitive provider. This means that all of TEP's residential customers and nearly all of its non-residential customers with less than 3 MW demand, such as grocery stores, schools and government buildings, office buildings, and retail businesses such as fast food restaurants, gas stations, drug stores, bank branches, cafes, mini-marts, and dry cleaners, to list a few, will be denied the ability to assess the benefits of competition and choose for themselves. TEP's proposal is a poorly disguised attempt to derail retail competition before it has been given a fair opportunity to get off the ground. The Commission must do everything in its power to ensure the establishment of a healthy retail market to allow all Arizona consumers to realize the benefits of electricity industry restructuring and to protect themselves against incumbent retail market power. Providing all customers with the freedom to choose their own electricity service provider is the very first step that must be taken down the road towards creating a healthy retail market.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 17th day of June 2002.

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